

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following paragraphs before the heading at page 8, last line of the substitute specification:

Figure 7 is a view of the pool and intermediate structure.

Figure 8 is a view of the warehousing arrangement.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 16 of the substitute specification as follows:

The leaky rods 6 may be removed from the fuel assemblies after their top or bottom nozzles have been removed depending on the method used, and then optionally stored in a receiver arrangement such as a rod holder in the fuel pool 100, the rod holder defining an intermediate storage arrangement 6c as shown in Fig. 7. It is also possible to place the fuel assemblies having one or more leaky rods in cells of fuel assembly racks inside the fuel pool.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 31 of the substitute specification as follows:

Figure 3 illustrates the plug 14 in a closed position at the top end of the capsule, after a fuel rod 6 with end plugs 7, cladding 6a and pellets 6b has been inserted inside the capsule.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 20, line 22 of the substitute specification as follows:

In the context of the invention, a warehousing arrangement 200 as shown in Fig. 8 could be used as a support structure for capsules 8 containing defective rods for very long-duration warehousing. For this purpose, the warehousing arrangement 200 containing at least one case 210 whose top portion is open can be placed in the fuel pool, in order to receive capsules. Sealed covers 201 can close the case 210 so that the capsules 8 and the case 210 define a sealed barrier. Instead of case 210, loading structure 20 could be placed inside the warehousing arrangement 200. It is possible to fill the cases outside the pool, in a suitable installation.